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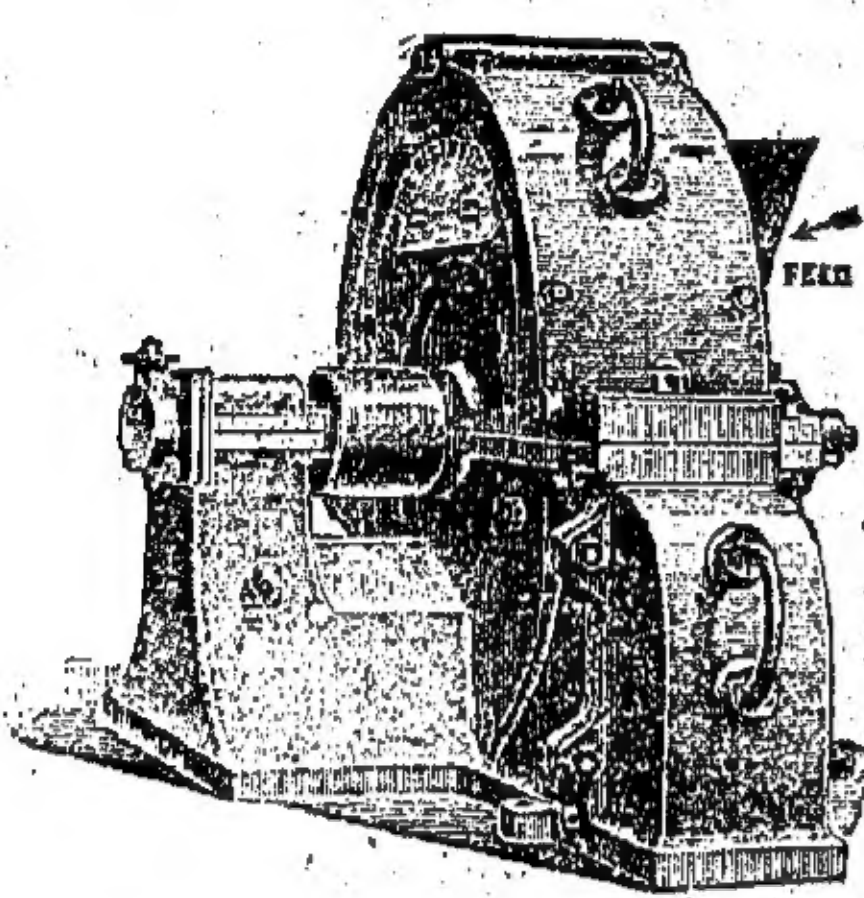
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CARTER'S DISINTEGRATORS.



NOTICE

A SPECIAL MEETING of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the Magistrate's Office, at 2.15 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of April, 1900, for the purpose of considering an application from one JOSEPH H. DORRIS, for the Transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the Premises situated at house No. 1, Jubilee Street, under the sign of 'The Colonial Hotel,' to one MORRIS PARRA.

H. H. J. GOMPERTZ,
Acting Police Magistrate.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. 673

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
IN LIQUIDATION.

ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company can now obtain SCIP for SHARES in the Queen Mines Limited, upon production of their Scrip to the undersigned, at the rate of One Queen Mines Share for Two Balmorals. (Office No. 2, Albert Road. Office Hours 2 to 3 p.m.)

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, March 17, 1900. 606

P. & O. S. N. CO.
NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from the Colony Mr. A. M. MARSHALL will be in CHARGE of the Company's affairs at this Agency.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 685

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 per SHARE in respect of the 50,000 NEW SHARES has been called up, and Holders of such Shares who have not already paid this Installment are requested to pay the amount of such Call to the Undersigned at the Office of the Company No. 9, Praya Central on or before the 30th April, 1900.

Dated 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers. 706

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCIP NUMBER 240 for 45 SHARES of the Company, Numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, has been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after the month from the date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all Persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 717

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Sir THOMAS JACKSON from Hongkong, Mr. H. M. BEVIS has been appointed Acting Chief Manager.

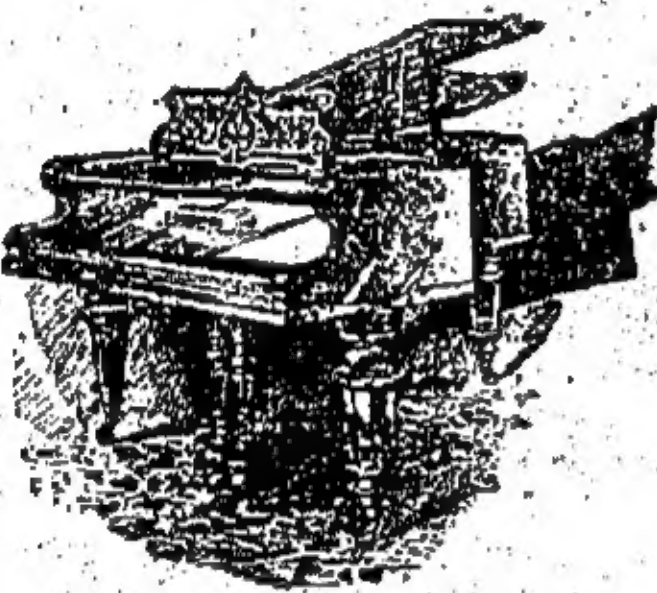
N. A. STEES,
Chairman,
Board of Directors.
Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 694

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in China and Japan for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in South Africa, in connection with Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s fortnightly service hence to Calcutta. Sailings from Calcutta for Cape Ports every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 700

Robinson Piano Co.



SPECIAL OFFER OF

GRANDS OF HIGHEST CLASS,
HIRE OR TIME PAYMENT ACCORDED.

MAGNIFICENT LOT NEW MUSIC BOOKS,
VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL DANCE.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 31st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1899, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 31st Inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 23, 1900. 667

LUXON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.
NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 12.30 p.m., SATURDAY, 31st March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 24th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 10, 1900. 626

TEDRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$1.00 per SHARE, made PAYABLE at this Office on the 20th July, 1899, on Shares Numbered:-

10501-10800 12156-12285
11614-11765 12680-13185
11830-11975 14686-16085
11880-11975

must be paid to the Undersigned at the offices of the Company, 33 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 5th day of April, 1900, and Notice is also given that in the event of Non-Payment of such Call at the Office of the Company aforesaid, on or before the said 5th day of April, 1900, the above-named Shares will be liable to be FORFEITED.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 21, 1900. 646

BELLIS TRUST.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

H.E. Major-General W. J. GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., has kindly undertaken to Present the Prizes awarded under the above Trust for progress and proficiency in education during the year 1899.

The function will be at the City Hall, on SATURDAY, March 31st, at Noon. The Presence of the Public is invited.

By Order of the Trustee,
R. F. COBOLD.
Hongkong, March 24, 1900. 670

PASSAGE WANTED to England, LADY would Act as Companion. Care of Children or Invalid. Good references.

Apply to 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

'KIRIN.'

A Delicate
Lager.

THE CELEBRATED BEER OF
JAPAN.

QUARTS, \$2.00 per dozen.
PINTS, \$1.75 do.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Sole Agent for Hongkong.

ANNOUNCE

La commission soussignée, chargée par le gouvernement du Mexique de procéder à l'inspection d'une drague, au remorquage et deux chalands pour le port de Mexico, rend public que, pour la fourniture de ce matériel, il est ouvert concours pendant 120 jours à partir de la date de cette annonce, et que les conditions pour le concours peuvent être examinées dans la Direction des travaux publics à Mexico, et dans les consulats du Portugal à Hongkong, Shanghai et Saigon.

Les propositions avec les dessins respectifs et les spécifications d'accord avec les conditions doivent être adressées au 'President de la commission des travaux du port de Mexico', par le quel elles seront seulement reçues jusqu'au 22 Juillet de cette année.

Macao, le 24 Mars 1900. - *Ingénieur en Chef d'Armes Naves, Directeur des Travaux Publics.* - *Antônio Telles de Góes.* - *Silva, capitaine du port.* - *João Augusto de Fontes Pereira de Mello, capitaine de corvette.* - *Arthur Zimogiani Barbosa, inspecteur des finances.* - *João Maria Lopes, mécanicien de marine.*

THIS PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 26, 1900. 658

NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of this Company have been removed from No. 7, Praya Central, to PRINCE'S BUILDING (1st Floor), Chater Road.

JIRO ITAMI,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 623

Business Notices.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.

HONGKONG HOTEL-PRAYA



BELL'S ASBESTOS PACKINGS

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MANAGERS.

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ENGLISH and FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully dispensed by a qualified CHEMIST. Special attention to FRENCH and Other SOMERVILLE'S 'EXPORT' and 'GLENDOCK' WHISKIES. PORTSOY HIGHLAND WHISKY (PURE MALT). MANILA CIGARS.

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PEAK HOTEL
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CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY STATION, 1350 feet above Sea Level.

CRAIGIEBURN is Situated at FLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes' walk from the PEAK HOTEL. Telephone No. 56.

Fine Healthy Location—Variety of Beautiful Scenery, Cool Sanitary Breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East Winds in Winter. Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

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J. M. DE ZUNIGA,

No. 9, Queen's Road Central.

Entrance by Lee House Street, (New Victoria Hotel).

WANTED.

RESPONSIBLE POSITION in Manila, in Hongkong or Shanghai, by an American at present in Charge of an Important Business in Japan.

Apply by letter to

'AMERICAN' Care of 'China Mail' Office.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 630

WANTED, on or before 1st May, 1900, or later, BUSINESS PREMISES in Central Position. Ground or First Floor.

Also on 1st August, 1900, a FOUR ROOMED HOUSE.

Apply to

FA. BLUNCK, Silk Laces Manufacturer.

Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 711

Business Notices.

WATKINS'

CROWN SODA,

Guaranteed to be Manufactured from Filtered Water, &c., and to contain only the Purest Bicarbonate of Soda in Solution.

Watkins' Limited,

GRATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

CROWN SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

SARSAPARILLA.

SELTZER WATER.

BELFAST GINGER ALE.

Etc., Etc.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Portland Cement.

\$4.50 per Cask of 375 lb. net ex Factory.

\$2.80 per Bag of 250 lb. net ex Factory.

Factories—HONGKONG AND MACAO.

Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.

FIRE CLAY WORKS.—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.

For further particulars, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL AGENTS.

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NEW MUSICAL PUBLICATION.

FOUR PIECES for the PIANOFORTE.

1. GAVOTTE. 2. REVUE.

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Publishers of Bentley's Pianoforte transcription of Chinese Music.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE
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NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR, OLD BUILDING.

EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE PROVIDED FOR GUESTS

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THE
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DAKIN'S ANISEED and LICORICE COUGH BALM. For the Relief of all CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE CHEST. Prices 50 Cents and \$1.

CRUICKSHANK'S COUGH BALM. For Coughs, Colds, HOARSENESS, INFLUENZA, ASTHMA, Consumption Hooping Coughs, Bronchitis and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs. Price \$1 per Bottle.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

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HAVE YOU TRIED

'BLATZ,'

The most perfect BEER Shipped from the United States? A small trial order will not fail to convince you of its superiority. Per Cask of 10 Dozen Pints ... \$25.00.

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FOR THE APPROACHING SUMMER, JUST ARRIVED

A NEW STOCK OF

CELLULAR SHIRTS, PRINT SOFT-FRONTED SHIRTS,

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WASHING TIES, Etc., Etc.

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF

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FANCY TRIMMINGS.

LADIES' EMBROIDERED CORSETS.

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LADIES' & CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOSIERY, &c.

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CANADIAN CLUB WHISKY.

HIRAM WALKER & SONS, LIMITED.

The most popular Rye Whisky in the Far East.

CAIDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

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15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, February 19, 1900.

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Entertainment.

MR. ALEC MARSH

(Late Principal Bassoon of the ROYAL CARL ROSA OPERA CO. THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, Covent Garden; ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY, and the Principal London and Provincial Concerts)

Begs to announce that he will give a

GRAND EVENING

CONCERT

Under the Patronage of His Excellency Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G., and Lady BLAKE;

H.E. Major-General GASCOIGNE, and Mrs. GASCOIGNE.

On TUESDAY, April 3rd, at 9 p.m., in the

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

Mr. MARSH will have the kind assistance of

Mrs. LOWSON.

Mrs. BADLEY, Mr. G. P. LAMBERT, Mr. E. SHIRAS, Mr. H. SHIRAS, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. A. G. WARD.

Prices \$3 and \$1.

Box Plan and Tickets at the Robinson Piano Company.

Further particulars later.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 673

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 31st March, 1900, at 2 p.m., at his

Sales Room, Duddell Street, DUNEDIN.

A QUANTITY OF DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM and BED ROOM FURNITURE of every Description.

Also:

FINE CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD-WARE such as—CABINETS, ARMCHAIRS, COUCHES, TEA-BOYS, FLOWER STANDS, TABLES and BUREAUX, Etc., Etc.

SEVERAL AMERICAN BICYCLES.

And

6 LEE-ENFIELD MAGAZINE RIFLES (Nov.)

On view from Friday, the 30th March. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As Customary.

By Order, GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 709

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT of the STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SETTLEMENT OF PENANG

Under the sanction of the Court of the Straits Settlements, the Liquidator of the above-named Company, will at the Company's Office, Western Road, Penang, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May, 1900, at the hour of 3 p.m., sell by Public Auction subject to a reserve to be fixed by the Judge and to conditions of Sale held by the said Company under or by virtue of Ordinance IX. of 1885, as amended by Ordinance IX. of 1887, or under any License or authorities granted by the Government of the Straits Settlements or the Municipality of George Town, Penang; And also all the furniture and underlaid together with all lands, buildings, plant, materials, goodwill, powers and authorities of every nature and description belonging to the said Company in connection with or incidental to the said business and undertaking; And all books and plans relating thereto, used in connection with the business, as a going concern subject to the provisions and obligations of the said Ordinances above-mentioned.

Particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained from the undersigned, PRESERVE & MATTHEWS, 13, Beach Street, Penang, Solicitors to the Liquidator.

Dated 12th day of February, 1900. 419

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

SIXTH ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BY Permission of H.E. the GOVERNOR, the above SPORTS will be held at the HARRY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, 31st March, 1900.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB cordially invite the LADIES of HONGKONG to the ATHLETIC SPORTS to be held on the HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB Ground on SATURDAY, 31st March.

For Race, 1.00 p.m. sharp.

W. MACHELL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1900. 674

THE S. S. Lightship, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from Hongkong.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once. Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m. of the 3rd April will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Consignees of Cargo from Singapore and Penang are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 728

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Intimations.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN Issue of SHARES is now offered to the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company in accordance with the following:

Every Shareholder on the Register on 15th March Instant, will be entitled to an allotment of 4 NEW SHARES for every 5 SHARES held by him. All applications must be made on forms for the purpose, which can be had on application to the undersigned, and must be filled up and lodged with the Secretary of the Company at its Registered Office 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, on or before SATURDAY, the 31st day of March Instant, together with a sum of FIVE DOLLARS for every SHARE applied for, at a first instalment, the remaining five dollars to be paid on allotment.

The Share Register will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 15th, to FRIDAY, the 30th day of March Instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 517

WANTED.

JUNIOR ASSISTANT.

SMALL SALARY. Apply, 'W.'

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 727

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRP NUMBER 362 for Ten SHARES of this Company, Numbered 7165 to 7174, and dated the 20th May, 1892, in the name of PUNY W. CHAI, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Script for the same will be issued after One Month from the date hereof, and the Original Script will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all Persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order, C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 726

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 7th April, 1900, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at "Dunottar," The Peak Residence of Mr. NEWMAN MUMFORD.

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

FINE DRAWING ROOM SUITE, SIDE TABLE, OVERMANTLES, SURENS, COUCHES, SEVERAL DINING TABLES, CHAIRS, SINGLES, WARDROBES, WASHING STANDS, PEARL AND CAMPHORWOOD CHESTS OF DRAWERS, TOILET TABLES WITH GLASS, BEDSTEADS with

Also,

1 all BRASS DOUBLE BED STEAD with SPRING and HAIR-MATRASSES, PILLOWS, MOSQUITO CURTAINS, VALANCE—Complete.

Several fine OIL-PAINTINGS and EXQUISITE WATER COLOURS.

A large quantity of PLANTS in Pots and Several FLOWERING PLANTS, SEVERAL GARDEN TREES and some LARGO WOODEN FLOWERS.

Two CORNERS PLANT by RACHALS & Co. in good Order.

One Gentleman's BICYCLE.

On View from Wednesday, the 4th April, 1900.

Catalogues can be had from that date, either at the House or on the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 724

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPoon COMPETITION.

Inst. at 2.45 p.m.

RANGES: 70 and 300 Yards.

Ten shots and one sighter.

Weather permitting.

GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held on TUESDAY, Next, 3rd April, at 6.15 p.m., at Volunteer Headquarters, for the purpose of passing accounts and electing a new Committee and Officers.

MOXBLEY & NORTHCOLE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 723

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

HAIMUN.

Captain Haimun will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 1st April, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 721

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Chingchi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 10.
Bombay and Ports of Call	Kong Albert (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	April 4, at noon.
Harbo and Hamburg.	Saxonia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About April 3.
Harbo and Hamburg.	Heidelberg (s).	Carlowitz & Co.	About April 10.
Harbo and Hamburg.	Sibiria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About April 20.
Harbo and Hamburg.	Serbia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About April 30.
Harbo and Hamburg.	Heister (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 15.
London.	Java (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 3.
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HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.
FORTNIGHTLY MEETING.
Yesterday afternoon, the usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held at the Offices of the Board. Dr. Lawson (Vice-President) presided, and there were also present: Mr. Budgeley, Mr. J. McKie, Dr. Hartigan, Mr. E. Osborne, Dr. Clark, Mr. Fung Wa Chuen, Mr. Chan A. Fook, and Mr. J. A. Wundenek (Acting Secretary).

THE PRICE OF FOOD.
It was intimated on the agenda paper that consideration of the report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon would be postponed. Dr. Lawson said that since the papers had been circulated Mr. Ladd had written suggesting that the consideration of the report be postponed for a fortnight, as he had some alterations and corrections to make in it before it was adopted by the Board. He proposed that the consideration of the report be postponed for a fortnight.

THE PRICE OF FOOD.
Dr. Clark seconded. Dr. Hartigan said he did not intend to oppose the postponement, but there was one matter which he thought they might take into consideration at once, and that was with regard to the food supply of the colony. Mr. Ladd said that during the past five years the price of food had increased nearly 100 per cent. It seemed to him that the Government were partly to blame for this. For instance, the market price for wheat, \$75, \$50, and \$70 per ton was charged, and when they took this into consideration they must admit that it gave the stall-holders a plausible reason for raising the price of food. He noticed that the cost of the Western Market was about \$1,000, and that the cost of the Eastern Market was about \$2,000,000 a year, which was sufficient to pay for the market twice over. Mr. Ladd remarked with regard to the Central Market that there was a large unsatisfied demand for vegetable stalls. In another portion of the report he said that in consequence of the crowded state of the Market the so-called hawkers of vegetables had been largely augmented, and he went on to say that they threw their vegetable refuse into the drains. This he could vouch for himself. It appeared to him that they were giving the hawkers a excuse by not providing them with proper accommodation in the markets. Dr. Hartigan mentioned one or two other matters to which Mr. Ladd referred in his report, and complained of the little notice taken by the Government of the recommendations of the Board. In conclusion he proposed that the attention of the Government be called to the greatly enhanced prices of food stuffs in the colony, and that the Government be requested to find a remedy for the same.

THE PRICE OF FOOD.
Mr. Osborne, in seconding, said the price of food stuffs was an important one for the colony, and any for the poor. He said the Chinese, whom it was their business as far as possible to protect. Dr. Hartigan laid great stress, and rightly so, upon the small results that Board effected. It seemed to him that they were continually raising the price of food, and that they were not doing enough to protect the poor. He said that the Board had been very busy in the past few months, and that they had done a great deal of good. He said that the Board had been very busy in the past few months, and that they had done a great deal of good. He said that the Board had been very busy in the past few months, and that they had done a great deal of good.

PROCEEDINGS BY THE BOARD'S OFFICIALS.
The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, presided over the meeting. The Board heard reports from the various departments, and discussed the matters brought before them. The Board decided to postpone the consideration of the report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon until the next meeting. The Board also decided to take steps to improve the food supply of the colony, and to protect the poor from the high prices of food.

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EXPLAINED IN FIVE MINUTES.
You have heard it said that the boy is father to the man. Yes. Very good. Now see what a problem that may be laid up in that idea. Youth is the cooling time of life and maturity the heating time. You agree that that is very good—again. In youth nature puts forth every effort to build up your body. She absorbs everything she can lay hands on for that purpose. The whole body throbs with life as at no other time. Nature scapes together building material (I mean food) from every direction. You know what enters healthy children are. Nature is not thinking of the future. She is thinking only of now—NOW. She is greedy to make you a man, and perfectly careless of what becomes of you after that.

EXPLAINED IN FIVE MINUTES.
Your appetite is gauged by the needs of growth and by your ability to get. So it comes to pass that in no end of cases, young people eat too much. They eat wrong things, they eat without any thought of regularity. Hence indigestion, gastric derangement, biliousness, stomach distension, and fermentation. Hence (small bits of course) of undigested food get into the circulation, and through the right side of the heart into the lungs, where they obstruct the minute blood vessels at the top of the lungs.

EXPLAINED IN FIVE MINUTES.
What then? Why, they shall become organised into tubercle or changed into the chills or other disease so often found there. The pain, sooner or later, in consumption. Over feeding, irregular feeding, or under feeding, all give rise to indigestion; and indigestion is, more than anything else, the cause of consumption, and of a lot of ailments which we suffer from as adults.

EXPLAINED IN FIVE MINUTES.
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Now, this woman did not have consumption of the lungs as commonly understood; she had something quite as bad—consumption of the whole body, with attendant prostration of the system as a whole. Distinctly, however, she might have followed a little later. This point is true, and I want you now not to miss it. Consumption arises from the introduction of foreign bodies into the lungs, which come from the stomach, the liver, and the kidneys in the way I have described. Hence dyspepsia causes it.

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AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.
A. R. De Fluet, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since, and it never fails." For sale by All Dealers; Watkins & Co., General Agents.

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Football Club.

The accounts of the Football Shield Semi-finals and Final have been audited and a balance of \$953.31 has been handed over by the Hongkong Football Club to the Shield Fund. Mr H. W. Looker has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Football Club.

Dewey's Dollars.

Admiral Dewey's claim for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay, came before the United States Court of Claims on 26th February. The Court decided against the Admiral's contention that the enemy's force was superior to his, and awarded him \$9,570 prize money.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play the following programme at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:—
March.....Queen's Guards.....Williams.
Overture.....Le chemin de la
Valse.....Glorio.....Kling.
Selection.....Dorothy.....Sullivan.
Fantasia.....Melodius from Old
Opera.....Kappely.
Polka.....Run of the Fair.....Agreite.
God Save the Queen.

The Detention of the English Mail.

Some curiosity was manifested in Hongkong, yesterday, as to the cause of the detention of the R.M.S. *Hongkong*, hearing the mail from home. On inquiry at the P. and O. Company's offices to-day we learn that there was a suspected case of small-pox on board and the ship was placed in quarantine till the medical inspection was over. The passengers were allowed on shore at one o'clock. This morning the vessel was released from quarantine, the small-pox patient having been taken to hospital.

The Governor's Holiday.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor mentioned, incidentally, that he was leaving, on the 4th of April, for a three months' holiday. We understand that His Excellency is to visit Shanghai and Peking, before going on to Japan. While in Peking, he will have an opportunity of discussing with Sir Claude Macdonald the South China questions with which he has been acquainting himself since his arrival in the Colony, and we hope the outcome will be beneficial for Hongkong and the trade of South China.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The "Baito Cup" will be sailed for on Sunday, 1st April, starting at 1 p.m. Course:—Stonecutters' Island, Markham off Green Island, Meyer's East Buoy, off Port Handicap:—

Maid Marian	Scratch allows.
Erin	2 mins.
Dorcas	2 30 sec.
Meteor	2 30 sec.
Gloria	7 "
Active	10 "
Styl	10 "
Fayre	10 "
Dart	10 "
Ladybird	10 "
Princess	13 "
Thistle	15 "
Gazelle	25 "

Presentations to Mr L. Gibbs.

At the Offices of the Public Works Department this afternoon a rather interesting function took place. The officials to the number of about forty met in one of the rooms and gave minute demonstration of their esteem for Mr Laurence Gibbs, one of their number. Mr Gibbs, who for a considerable period has acted as assistant engineer in the P.W.D., is severing his connection with the P.W.D. in order to join the firm of Messrs Denison and Bam, architects, Hongkong. His many friends in the office could not let the occasion slip without showing their regard for Mr Gibbs in tangible form. They accordingly raised a subscription among themselves and purchased a handsome black carved side-board with ornaments to match. These were handed over to Mr Gibbs this afternoon by Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works, on behalf of the staff. Mr Ormsby in handing over the gift referred in eulogistic terms to the many high qualities of the recipient. Mr Gibbs feelingly responded.

Fire Insurance Losses.

This year fire insurance business has not been very lucrative for offices in the Far East, and the losses in Shanghai have been very considerable. From Shanghai papers we observe that on March 24, a most disastrous fire broke out in a native building in Canton Road occupied by Professor Nataly's panoramic exhibition. The flames spread to a Chinese theatre where a performance was in progress. A panic occurred and some half-dozen men were more or less injured by jumping from the windows into the street. In all ten houses and shops in addition to the theatre were totally destroyed and five others badly damaged both by fire and water. The theatre building was insured in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for \$10,000. Professor Nataly's stock was covered by a policy for \$15,000 in the China Fire Insurance Company. The Royal, Imperial and South British Companies have lines on the other properties affected. The fire originated through the burning of a tin paraffin oil lamp in Professor Nataly's show. The total amount of the damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Canton, March 28.

The Bi-monthly meeting of the Canton Missionary Conference was held to-day (March 28th). The Rev. O. F. Winer read an essay on "The Present Prospects of Education in China." The essay was a severe but none the less just indictment of Chinese education, which instead of developing has dwarfed the mind and moral sensibilities of the Chinese. The essayist pleaded for a liberal interpretation of the word education, based on Christian principles. He quoted with much force the criticism of a Chinese on "The Break up of China." Said this celestial, Lord Boreford has told us a great deal about armies and navies, mining, railways, &c. but he has said nothing of the present educational system, which is at the root of the national life. Unless you can change that, no other kind of improvement, however good and great in themselves, can avail. The essayist very logically contended that as Chinese education has been the cause of all our present mental, moral, and material, so we must look to modern education as the antidote of these evils.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

This new departure in the interests of higher education promises to supply a long-felt want. The College is well endowed, and given time, will render excellent service. The permanent location of the College is not fixed, but the probability is that it will be in Canton which is the natural centre of any great educational work, if for no other reason that the men whom it is likely to benefit are on the spot. The Viceroy's college and indeed all the great educational establishments representing the "Two Kwang" are in Canton. To remove this College to any considerable distance from these seats of learning would seriously limit its influence. The staff at present consists of the following gentlemen:—

The Rev. O. F. Winer, Principal; Dr Woods, Medical Department; Mr Lewis, Civil Engineering; Mr Alexander, Electrical Engineering.

Arms and Arms Dealers.

In the course of the discussion on the Arms Ordinance at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, Mr Whitehead urged for the insertion of a proviso compelling the Captain Superintendent of Police to give reasons for refusing to grant licences to carry or possess arms or ammunition. It was pointed out, however, that the Governor, on a refusal being brought to his notice, would call for reasons through the Colonial Secretary, so the point was not pressed.

Departure of Hon. A. G. Wise.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, Mr J. F. Recco, Solicitor, on behalf of himself and his colleagues at the bar, wished the Puisne Judge (Hon. A. G. Wise) a pleasant trip home and trusted to see him back in Hongkong on a future date. His Honour replied that he had no doubt his successor (Mr Seroubo Smith) who had held the position of Puisne Judge on two previous occasions, would carry on the duties as successfully as he had done in the past. He thanked Mr Recco and the other solicitors for their good wishes. Mr Wise goes home on leave to-morrow by the English Mail. Mr Justice Wise, who goes home on leave to-morrow, will be missed in the public life of the Colony in other ways than on the Bench. He is an all-round man, and has been President of the Cricket Club for years, with the result of the greatest good to the greatest number in that and many other sorts of sports. Mr Wise is a power in the Colony inasmuch as his strong pervading common sense, joined to his acute legal mind and his keen insight, has constituted him one of the strongest checks to unnecessary legislation or circumlocution in his Court. As a powerful aid to the Supreme Court deliberations, in its higher jurisdiction, none will be more ready to admit its existence than the worthy Chief Justice (Sir John Carrington); but the community fairly and fully recognise it. In a social sense, Mr Wise will be greatly missed, and his numerous friends wish him a pleasant journey home and a speedy return to the Colony which holds him in such high regard both officially and personally.

Chain Lightning.

For a long time past (says the N.O. Daily News) the Police have been trying to get on the track of the compounder of a vile stuff known as "Thirty cent whisky," one of the most abominable concoctions, probably, sold in the East. Time after time have merchant sailors been raided well-nigh mad by the stuff and on board ships it is always procurable from "unscrupulous bunkum men." One needs only to see the faces of men after a carousal on this cheap whisky, or "chain lightning," as it is not inaptly termed, to learn the ravages it makes on mind and body alike. Merchant Jack, who goes sauntering forward to a "good time" in port after a long voyage, and when an obliging Celestial offers him a bottle with gold and green label, bearing three stars and Royal Arms and the legend "Fine Scotch Whisky," all for 30 cents, he succumbs, drinks the horrible mixture, and becomes mad drunk or has to lay up. The police have at last got on what appears to be a good scent and on Saturday Inspector Ramsey and Sergeant Gillman paid a surprise visit to a Chinese establishment where they seized some fast wheelbarrow loads of bottles of liquor purporting to be standard brands of wine and spirits. The labels are in some cases clever copies of originals and in others the wording is original, for instance, "Finest Old Scotch Whisky, Dublin" and "Hennessey's Old Three Star Glenlivet."

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 28th March.

CASUALTIES DURING THE WAR.

An official statement of casualties up to 24th inst., including sick, gives a total of over 10,000.

THE WAR.

Lord Roberts is going to Capetown to meet Lady Roberts. A formal move is not probable for a month. General Clements has occupied Faure-smith and Jagersfontein. Sir A. Milner is at Bloemfontein.

THE COLONIES AND THE WAR.

The Australian Frontiers have jointly cabled to Mr Chamberlain that it is undesirable to conclude peace except on terms of absolute British supremacy in South Africa.

REPORTED DEATH OF COMMANDANT JOUBERT.

Reuter's correspondent at Lourenco Marques wires that Commandant Joubert is dead.

THE WAR. COL. PILCHER'S RECONNAISSANCE.

Col. Pilcher's reconnaissance captured the Landrost of Ladybrand before retiring. A strong force of Boers, presumed to be Commandant Olivier's command, subsequently occupied strong positions in the neighbourhood. It is believed their retreat towards Kromstad is intercepted, and that a battle is impending.

DEATH OF COMMANDANT JOUBERT.

Commandant Joubert died of stomach complaint.

THE TRANSVAAL COMMANDERS.

Commandant Smuts now commands the Transvaal fighting line. Commandant Dehrey is ill.

OPERATIONS IN THE FREE STATE.

Ladybrand was occupied by Commandant Crowther, not by Commandant Olivier. It is believed that the latter is beyond pursuit.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

H.M.S. *Terride* has sailed from the Cape for China.

THE RUSSIAN CHINA SQUADRON.

An official announcement at St. Petersburg says that the Russian Squadron on the Corpee Coast has proceeded to Port Arthur.

NEWS FROM MAFFERING.

Reuter's correspondent at Maffeking, 16th inst., says that the investment was still relaxed. The enemy is concentrating to the northward to oppose Colonel Plumer. There was sufficient food in Maffeking, but rations would shortly be reduced.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

18 Victoria Street, London, S.W., 27th February, 1900.

Sir,—The Navy League desire to call attention to a fact that in the three years 1897, 1898 and 1899, the Admiralty has not spent the money voted by Parliament for shipbuilding.

The under expenditure in 1897 was £2,139,000, in 1898 £2,040,000, and in 1899, £1,400,000—a total of £5,579,000. Thus no reliance can be placed on the figures contained in the Budget programme.

Further, in spite of the fact that this £1,400,000 was voted but not expended in 1899, the shipbuilding vote for 1900 shows a decrease.

By Mr Goschen's own statement, the original vote for new construction in 1899 was the minimum compatible with safety. As £1,400,000 less than the sum voted was expended, it is clear that our safety is compromised.

Mr Goschen alleges as the cause of this under expenditure "Arbitrary activity in Shipbuilding." Delays in delivery of material. "Difficulties in securing adequate numbers of workmen," "Labour Difficulties" and other circumstances.

Many ships, it is true, are under construction, but the Navy League would point out that this apparent activity is in part due to the fact that several vessels have been unaccountably delayed. The *Albion*, *Gloria* and *Spartan*, for instance, which should have been delivered in 1899, are still unready for sea.

In conclusion, the Navy League are compelled to state their conviction that on reviewing the whole situation the naval proposals of the Government are inadequate to secure the safety of the Empire.

I am, Sir, &c.

H. SETMOUR TROWER,

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Navy League.

The old treatment of plain Cod Liver Oil on the Continent was attended with many dangers owing to the inferior quality of the fish.

Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil contains what is valuable in Cod Liver Oil without the fat. It is pleasant to take and readily borne by the most delicate. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

THE SALARIES QUESTION.

APPOINTMENT OF AN UNOFFICIAL COMMITTEE.

A NOTE, WITH OCCASIONAL GROANS.

Yesterday, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the meeting of the Legislative Council at which H. E. Sir Henry Blake intimated that the consideration of the salaries of subordinate government officials would be investigated and considered and reported upon by Messrs R. M. Gray, D. Gillies, and R. Sheehan.

Mr F. H. May, Acting Colonial Secretary, presided.

The first business before the meeting was the minute from the Governor recommending the vote of \$26,139 to defray during the current year the increases in salaries of Government officials sanctioned in the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 230 of 8th December, 1899.

Mr Whitehead—I would like you to read the telegram forwarded to the Secretary of State in connection with this vote.

The Chairman—What telegram do you mean?

Mr Whitehead—The one in which the Senior Unofficial Member, on behalf of the subordinate officials, asked the Secretary of State to reconsider the question of the salaries of the subordinate officials.

The Chairman (reading)—At the request of the Unofficial Members of Council votes of salaries postponed it was unanimously agreed to request a Committee to investigate all other applications for increases and to report thereon for your consideration.

Mr Whitehead—And the Secretary of State replied?

The Chairman—I don't think I am at liberty to give the Secretary of State's reply.

Mr Whitehead—Has the Secretary of State complied with our request?

The Chairman—The result of the communication to the Secretary of State is that the Committee is authorised to be appointed to investigate the salaries of subordinate officials.

Mr Whitehead—May I ask what 'subordinate officials' means?

The Chairman—Subordinate officers I take to mean officers, in the first place, who have not been dealt with in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 230. All those officers are distinguished from the others, their cases having been dealt with, and they having got the increases.

Mr Whitehead—And some have not.

The Chairman—All the officers mentioned in that despatch have got increases.

Mr Whitehead—But the officers who signed the memorial to the Secretary of State are excluded from having their applications further considered?

The Chairman—Why?

Mr Whitehead—One or two Departments amongst them, that if the Committee appointed by His Excellency is to be allowed to consider the applications of subordinate officials, the applications of others will naturally be excluded.

The Chairman—From the consideration of the Committee?

Mr Thomson—All the heads of departments have been dealt with.

Mr Whitehead—I wish to get at the point where we have asked for a Committee to investigate all other applications. Do you mean in addition to those applications which have been granted. Will the Committee have power to investigate and report upon all applications, because, if not, I should like to know what would be the result of the investigation?

The Chairman—I don't think you quite appreciate what you have got. You think you have got less than you asked for. As a matter of fact, you asked for a Committee to investigate all other applications. If you had got that, it would have confined you to new cases; there are a number of officers who have not made applications. If you had got what you wanted, it would have confined you to the consideration of about twenty-five cases.

Mr Whitehead—The cases already excluded by the Secretary of State—are they to be excluded from the enquiry?

The Chairman—If they are subordinate officers they will come under your consideration.

Mr Whitehead—They are officers other than the heads of departments.

The Chairman—And assistant heads of departments, who could not be called heads of departments.

Mr Whitehead—And have assistant heads been dealt with by the Secretary of State?

The Chairman—I think they have.

Mr Whitehead—And their cases cannot be re-opened?

The Chairman—The scope of the Committee is limited to subordinate officers, and from its purview are excluded the cases already dealt with by the Secretary of State. It takes the whole of the Chinese Civil Service, because I am going to ask you to vote a sum of \$13,000 to-day for the Chinese employees of the Government, below a certain salary, and it practically takes away the salaries of the Chinese employees of the Government, below a certain salary, and it practically takes away the salaries of the Chinese employees of the Government, below a certain salary.

The Chairman—The increase in the cost of living has affected them quite as much as anyone else.

Mr Whitehead—I think gentlemen in the position of judges are quite competent to fight their own case and make their own applications.

Mr Whitehead—But in this list of applications from the Hongkong Civil Service (holding up list) many of the cases have been decided by the Secretary of State and cannot be re-opened, and cannot come before the Committee.

THE ARMS TRADE OF HONGKONG.

CAN MACAO TAKE AWAY OUR LEGITIMATE TRADE?

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a considerable amount of time was occupied in the discussion of amendments to the new Arms Ordinance. We have not space to publish the portions of the discussion that have no interest to the public beyond the dealers in arms and ammunition (Macao, of course, will fill in the blanks), but as it has been stated over and over again that the stringent regulation of the arms trade in Hongkong will have the effect of driving trade from this Colony to Macao, we give below the discussion on the licence fees. Gamewits and retail dealers who sell firearms and ammunition for sporting purposes only will pay \$10 per annum. All other importers of, dealers in, or vendors of arms and ammunition shall pay \$1,200 per annum. When Clause 11 of the Bill was under consideration, the Hon. Mr. Whitehead—I do not think it needs this large fee to keep bad characters out of the trade, especially as the Captain Superintendent of Police has power to withhold licences, with appeal to the Governor in Council. The profits of the dealers in arms and ammunition will go down under the new Ordinance. They have extra duties to perform and will require employes to satisfy the new Ordinance, and I think they ought to be let off with a lighter fee to make up for the loss of time in following the requirements of the Ordinance. If an increase of fees is considered necessary, I think an increase of ten or twelve times the amount of the present fee would meet the case. I think the importers of arms should be taxed more heavily than the dealers. They are doing a larger business than the retail dealers, and they might be able to raise the larger fees. To demand \$1200 from a Chinese dealer is prohibitive, and I would propose that the fee proposed in the Ordinance be reduced to \$250 for importers and \$100 for dealers.

Mr Whitehead—I think there is a good deal in what the Hon. Member has just said. So long as the fees are fixed to return to the Government the expenditure incurred in connection with the import and export of arms and ammunition that would be sufficient. The fee proposed is practically prohibitive. It is questionable whether they would make a large amount in profit out of it. It is taxing a branch of trade here, and might have the effect of driving the trade of the Colony away to an adjacent port. Not only the arms trade itself, but other trade would accompany it. I think the fees the Hon. Member has proposed would be very reasonable.

Mr May—I beg to state that the fees the Hon. Member proposes would be a very large one, and no honest man who knows it can deny that it is an illicit trade. This Government has not only to protect the Colony's interests, but it has its international obligations to carry out. Hon. Members must remember that there has been a state of war in a neighbouring Colony for a long time, and we know perfectly well where these arms in use there came from; and Hon. Members may know of trouble this Colony is experiencing on the mainland. This trade in arms is so large that it can well afford to pay these fees. If there are some who live by illicit trade who cannot pay the fee, it will be a good thing for this Colony if they cease to exist.

Dr Ho Kai—I think you said the arms trade of this Colony is an illicit trade.

Mr May—To a large extent.

Dr Ho Kai—He was understood to say that he recognised that the arms trade gave the police a great deal of trouble, but he still maintained that the large fee entailed a very great hardship upon the dealers. How thought they could discharge their duty to their neighbours on the mainland without killing our trade altogether or imposing a hardship upon those who were trying to carry on trade in a legitimate way?

Mr May—The houses to the east of White Street are being used to carry out the arms trade. The houses to the west are being used to carry out the arms trade. The houses to the east are being used to carry out the arms trade. The houses to the west are being used to carry out the arms trade.

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